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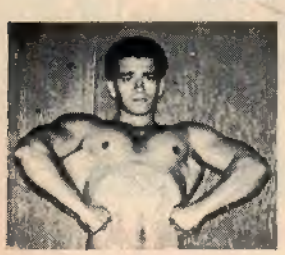

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A FUGITIVE WITH A TURBULENT PAST, AND A SHORT FUTURE...
AN OUTLAW WHO'S DESTINED TO BUY ONE DAY AT A TIME, THE HARD WAY!
THAT PALEFACE...I KNOW HIM! HE IS THE RAWHIDE KID!
HE AVOIDS LAWMEN AND POSSES BY RIDING THRU OUR LAND!
BUT HE IS A FOOL! HE WILL FIND NO SAFETY HERE!
HE WILL FIND ONLY DEATH!
MOUNT UP!

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I'D BEST MAKE TRACKS... FAST!
EEEE-AAAHH!
DEATH TO THE WHITE EYES!
THOSE BRAVES HAVE FRESH PONIES!
THEY'RE CATCHIN' UP TO ME!
I CAN'T ESCAPE!
I'VE GOT TO OPEN FIRE!
KA-POW!
POW!
ARGHHH!
POW!
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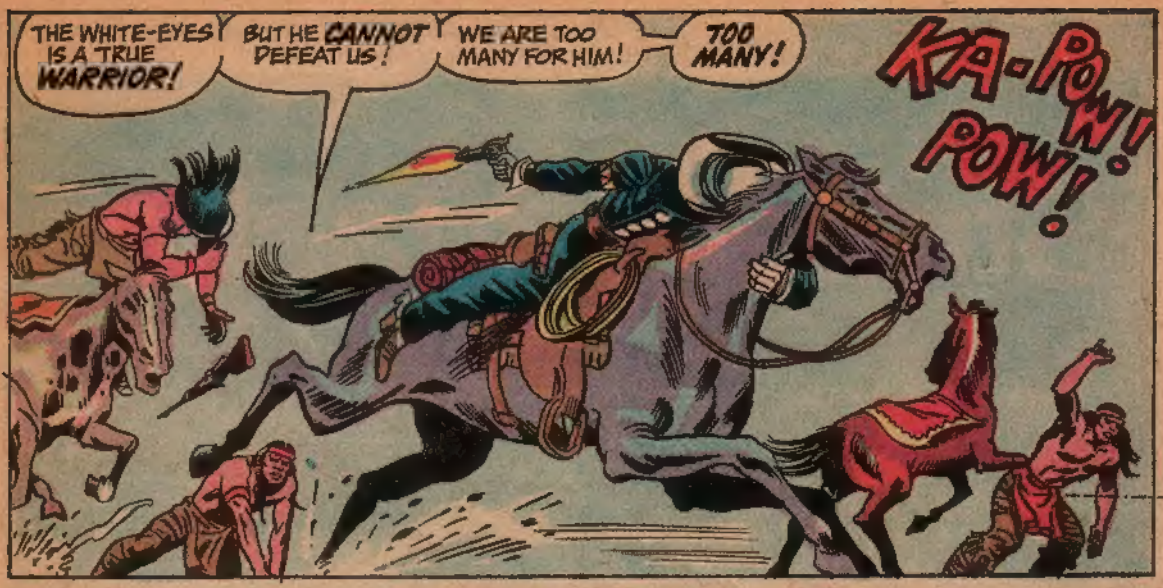
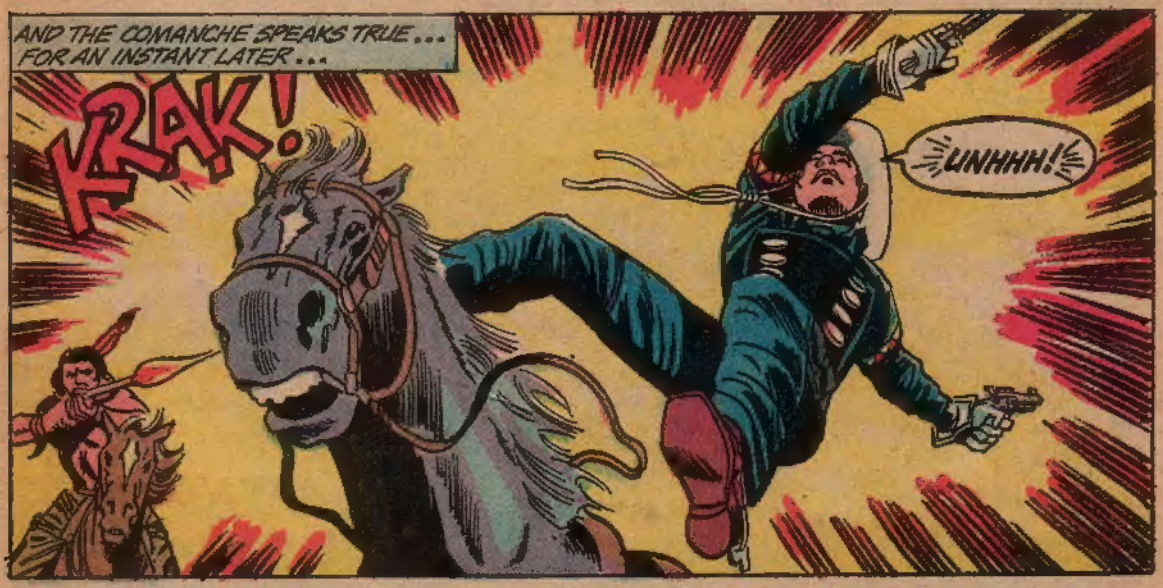
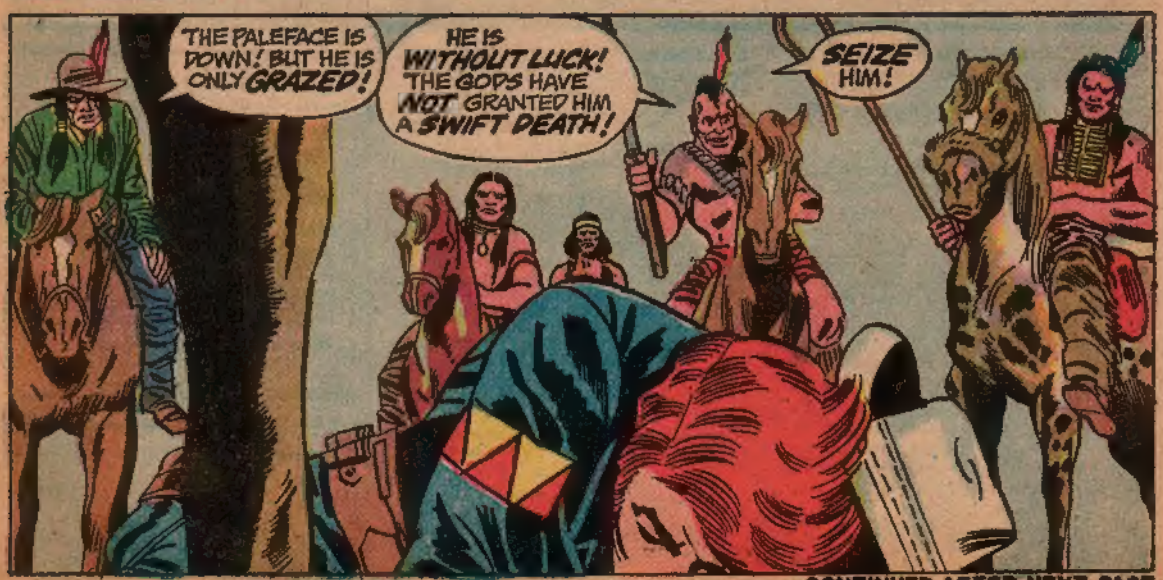
POW!
UNHHH!
OHH...







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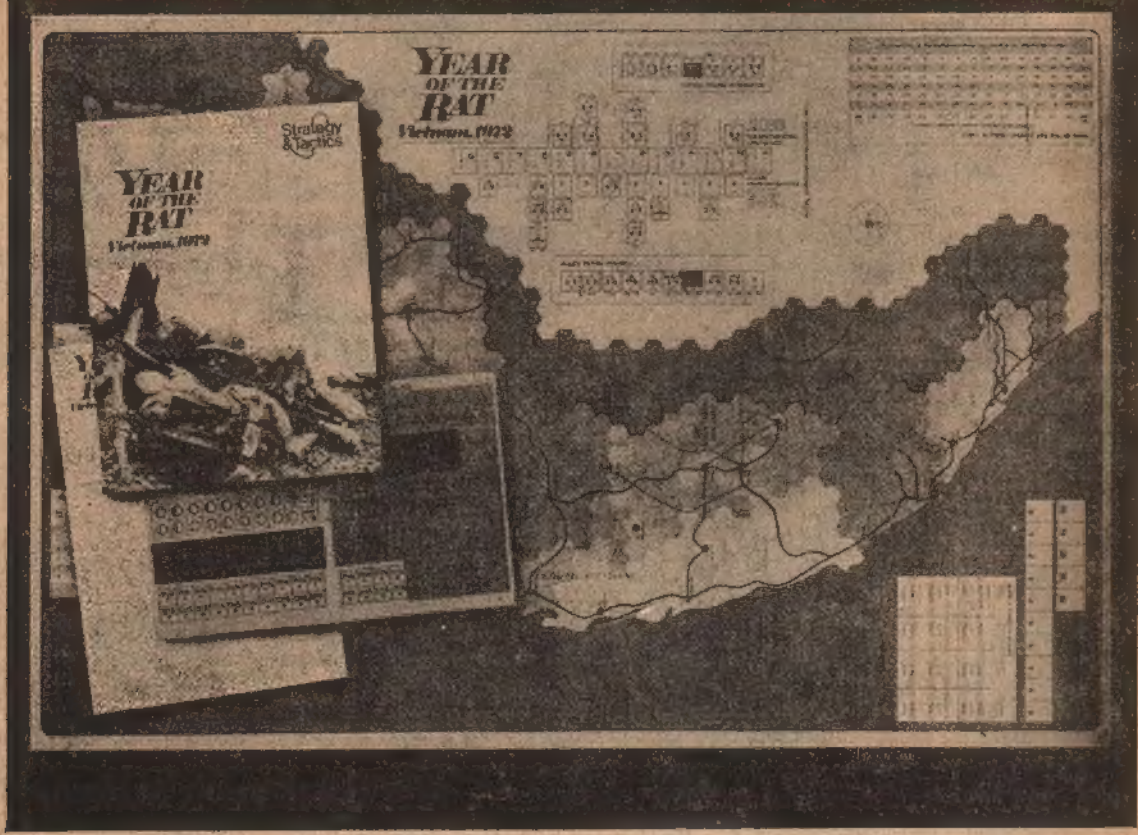

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YEH! NOW LET'S MOUNT UP!
YOUR SON... EVEN IF YOU FIND HIM... BY NOW HE'S ALL GROWN AND INDIAN!
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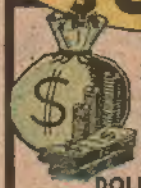

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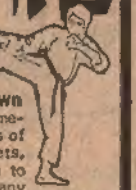

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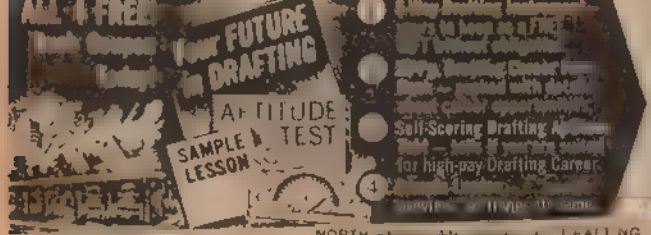

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TWEET!
HERE, NIGHT-WIND!
TO ME, BOY!
LOOK OUT!
THE GREAT STALLION GALLOPS TO HIS MASTER!
THE RAWHIDE KID LIVES!
SEIZE YOUR WEAPONS!
AND WHAT WAS A HOPE TO AVOID BLOODSHED DIES, AS THE COMANCHES GRAB THEIR RIFLES, AND DO BATTLE WITH THE KID AND HIS ALLY!
KA-POW!
POW!

KRAK!
UNHHH! I'M WINGED!
FALL BACK! I'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE!
POW!
THE WHITE-EYES IS UNBEATABLE WITH HIS WEAPON!
MY BRAVES FALL HELPLESS BEFORE HIS GUNFIRE!
KRAK!
ARRGHHH!
YOU'RE TOTIN' MY HARDWARE!
BUT IT'S NOT THE GUNS THAT MAKE THE MAN!
POW!
NOT BY A LONG SHOT!
THE RAWHIDE KID HAS WON THE BATTLE!
BUT YELLOW WOLF WILL NOT BE DEFEATED!
I WILL ESCAPE...
TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY!

THAT WRAPS IT UP!
...EXCEPT FOR THE ONE WHO GOT AWAY!
YOUR ARM... HOW IS IT?
IT'S OKAY! THE BULLET JUST NICKED ME!
WELL, I GOT MY DUDS, HOSS, AND HARDWARE BACK!
BUT YUH STILL OWE ME FOR SAVIN' YORE LIFE!
NO ARGUMENT! I OWE YOU, AND I PAY MY DEBTS!
THEN LET'S MOVE OUT! I'VE SPENT YEARS SEARCHIN' FOR MY SON WITHOUT SUCCESS! MEBBE YUH'LL BRING ME LUCK!
I HOPE SO!
MEANWHILE, IN A COMANCHE CAMP MILES AWAY...
SO, ONCE AGAIN YELLOW WOLF HAS BATTLED THE WHITE-EYES!
AND LOST!
THE FOE I FOUGHT WAS NO ORDINARY PALEFACE! HE IS THE WARRIOR THEY CALL THE RAWHIDE KID!
THAT WILL BE OF LITTLE COMFORT TO THE SQUAWS OF THE BRAVES SLAIN IN BATTLE!
MY BROTHER IS A FOOL! THE GREAT WARS ARE ENDED! THE WHITE MAN HAS DEFEATED US! WE CANNOT DEFY HIS SUPERIOR STRENGTH!
BAH! THOSE ARE THE WORDS OF A COWARD!
NO! THEY ARE WORDS OF WISDOM ... AND YOU WILL HEED THEM!
THERE WILL BE NO MORE BLOODSHED BETWEEN THE WHITE-EYES AND OUR PEOPLE!
BAH! ALWAYS YOU FAVOR SKY EAGLE... THO I AM OF YOUR FLESH, AND HE IS NOT!
YOU ARE WRONG! I CALL YOU BOTH SONS! YOU BOTH SHARE MY HEART!

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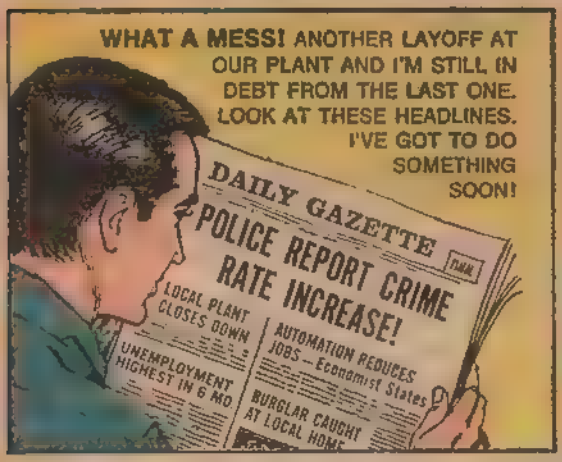
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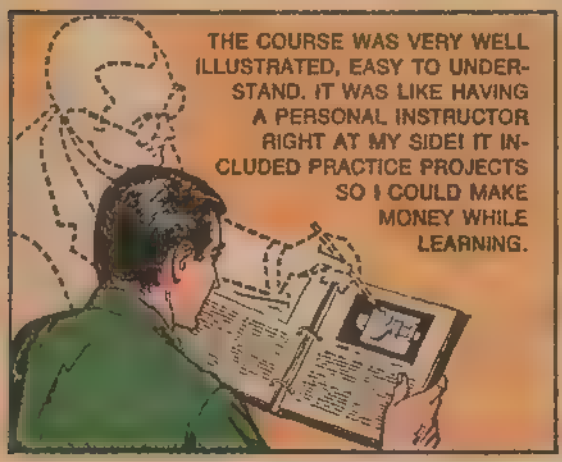
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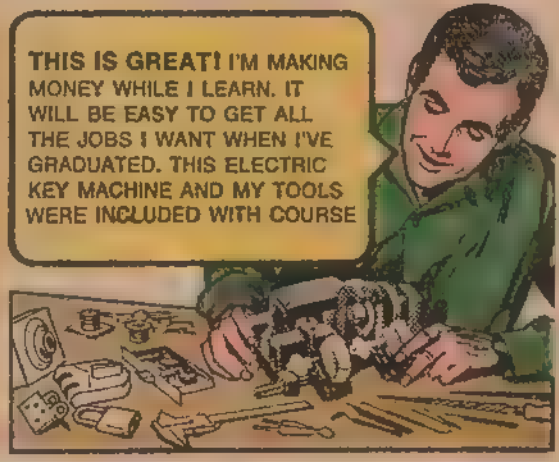
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ARE YUH ELIAS DRUDD?
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THREE SPEARS...
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MEANWHILE, IN THE DISTANCE...
I ASK MY BROTHER TO RID HIS HEART OF HATRED... TO LAY DOWN HIS WEAPON, AND LIVE IN PEACE WITH THE WHITE-EYES!
NO! I AM A WARRIOR, AND I WILL NOT REST UNTIL I HAVE CHASED THE ENEMY FROM OUR LAND!
MAYBE THE ENEMY IS NOT WITHOUT, BUT WITHIN! MAYBE IT IS YOUR OWN AMBITION TO CONQUER AND RULE! YOUR OWN UNBRIDLED LUST FOR POWER!
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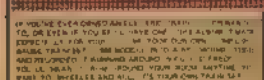

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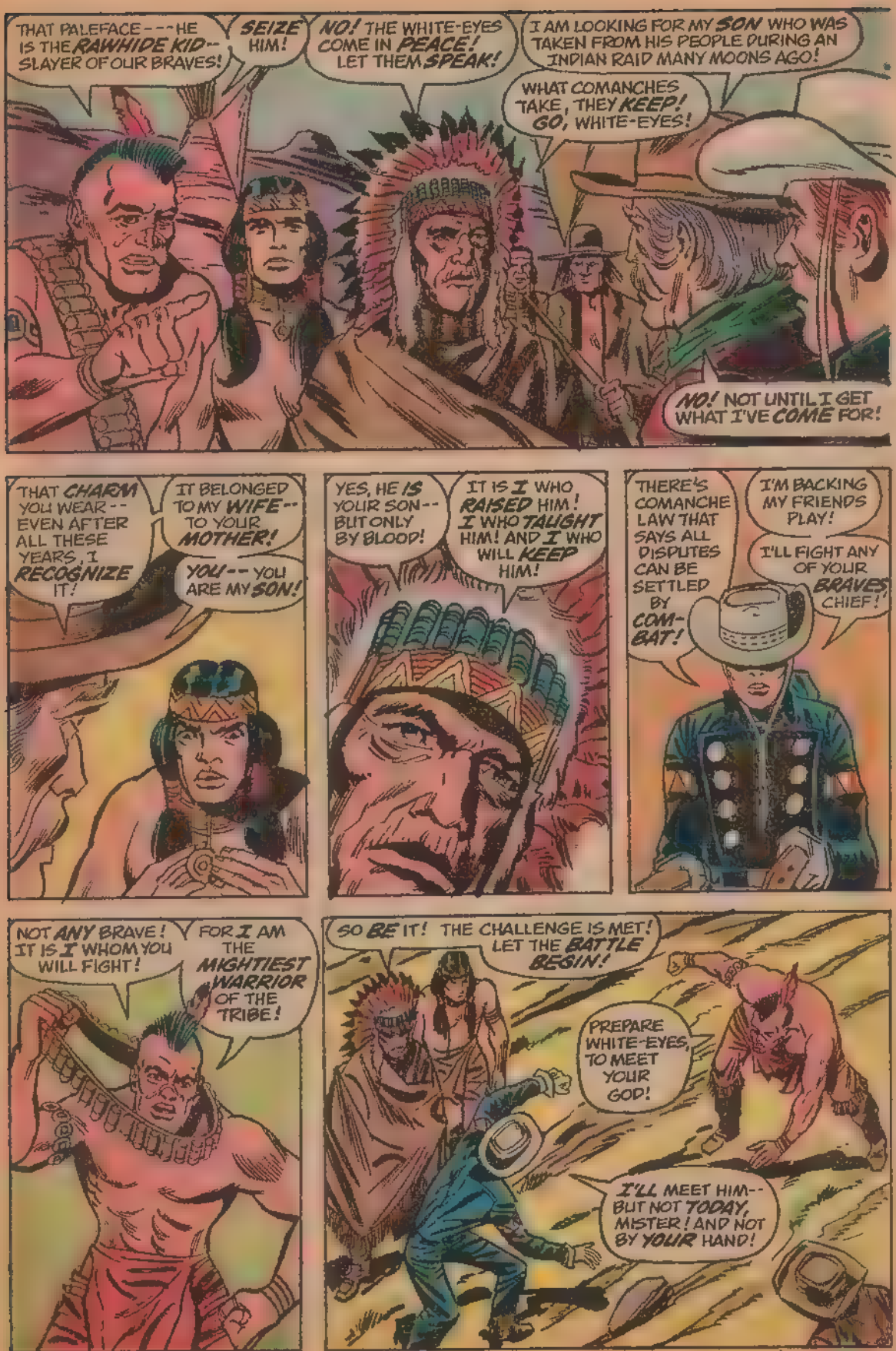
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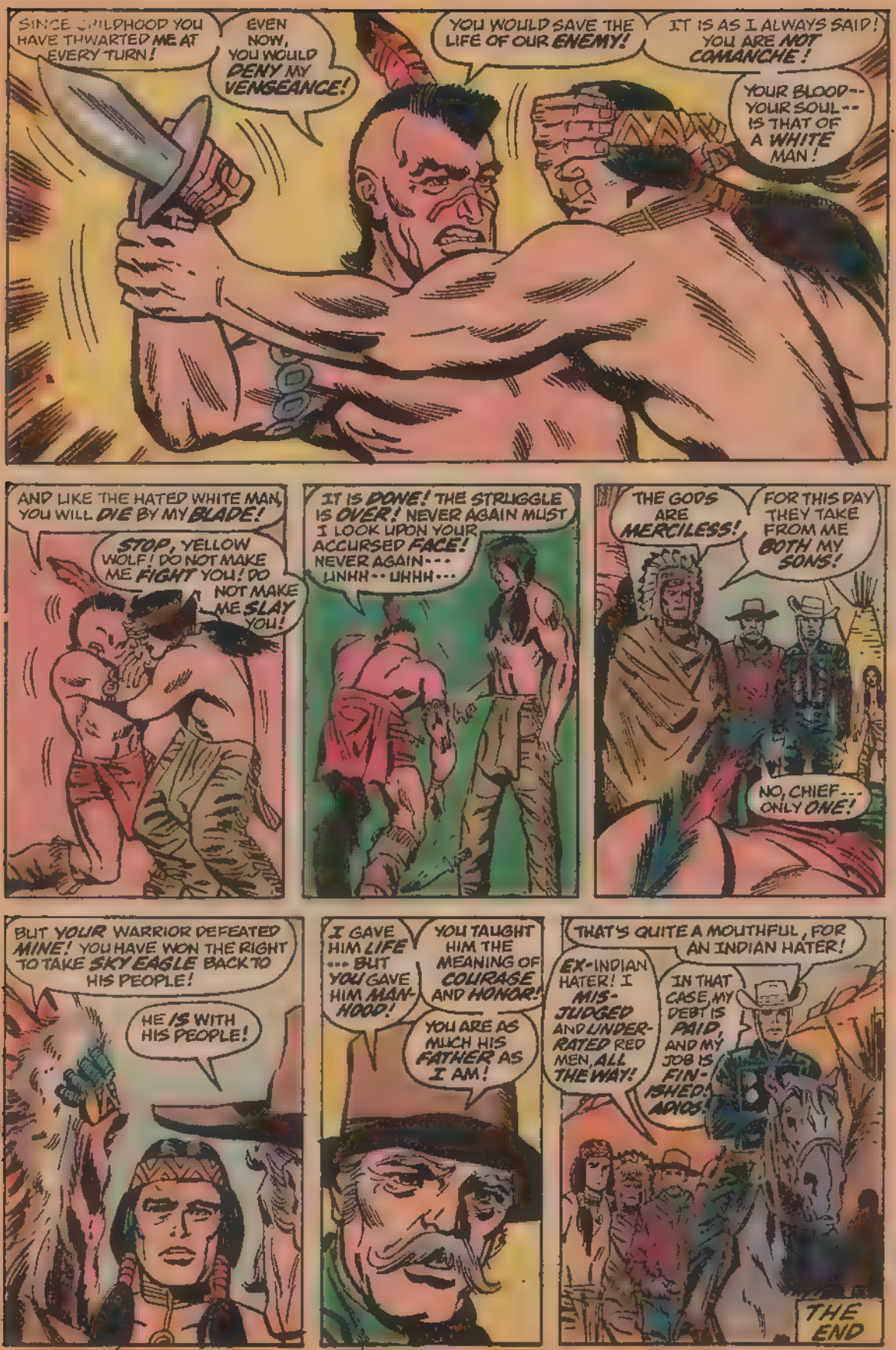
SEIZE HIM!
NO! THE WHITE-EYES COME IN PEACE! LET THEM SPEAK!
I AM LOOKING FOR MY SON WHO WAS TAKEN FROM HIS PEOPLE DURING AN INDIAN RAID MANY MOONS AGO!
WHAT COMANCHES TAKE, THEY KEEP! GO, WHITE-EYES!
NO! NOT UNTIL I GET WHAT I'VE COME FOR!
THAT CHARM YOU WEAR--EVEN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, I RECOGNIZE IT!
IT BELONGED TO MY WIFE--TO YOUR MOTHER!
YOU--YOU ARE MY SON!
YES, HE IS YOUR SON--BUT ONLY BY BLOOD!
IT IS I WHO RAISED HIM! I WHO TAUGHT HIM! AND I WHO WILL KEEP HIM!
THERE'S COMANCHE LAW THAT SAYS ALL DISPUTES CAN BE SETTLED BY COM-BAT!
I'M BACKING MY FRIENDS PLAY!
I'LL FIGHT ANY OF YOUR BRAVES CHIEF!
NOT ANY BRAVE! IT IS I WHOM YOU WILL FIGHT!
FOR I AM THE MIGHTIEST WARRIOR OF THE TRIBE!
SO BE IT! THE CHALLENGE IS MET! LET THE BATTLE BEGIN!
PREPARE WHITE-EYES, TO MEET YOUR GOD!
I'LL MEET HIM--BUT NOT TODAY, MISTER! AND NOT BY YOUR HAND!

UNGH! YOU MOVE SWIFTLY!
AND YOU ARE STRONGER THAN YOU APPEAR!
BUT YOU ARE NO MATCH FOR YELLOW WOLF!
WRONG! FIGHTIN' IS MY BUSINESS!
I LEARNED IT THE HARD WAY!
...AND I'M MORE THAN A MATCH FOR ANY MAN...
POW!
...EVEN A COMANCHE WARRIOR!
THUD!
THE BATTLE IS ENDED! THE WHITE-EYES HAS WON!
NO! I WILL NOT ACCEPT DEFEAT!
I WILL CONQUER MY ENEMY..
...ANY WAY THAT I MUST!
STOP! THE FIGHT IS FINISHED! YOU HAVE LOST!
YOU WILL BRING DISHONOR TO OUR PEOPLE BY A FOUL KILL!
WHINING FOOL-- STAY BACK!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EVEN NOW, YOU WOULD DENY MY VENGEANCE!
YOU WOULD SAVE THE LIFE OF OUR ENEMY!
IT IS AS I ALWAYS SAID! YOU ARE NOT COMANCHE!
YOUR BLOOD-- YOUR SOUL-- IS THAT OF A WHITE MAN!
AND LIKE THE HATED WHITE MAN, YOU WILL DIE BY MY BLADE!
STOP, YELLOW WOLF! DO NOT MAKE ME FIGHT YOU! DO NOT MAKE ME SLAY YOU!
IT IS DONE! THE STRUGGLE IS OVER! NEVER AGAIN MUST I LOOK UPON YOUR ACCURSED FACE! NEVER AGAIN--- UNHH-- UHHH---
THE GODS ARE MERCILESS!
FOR THIS DAY THEY TAKE FROM ME BOTH MY SONS!
NO, CHIEF--- ONLY ONE!
BUT YOUR WARRIOR DEFEATED MINE! YOU HAVE WON THE RIGHT TO TAKE SKY EAGLE BACK TO HIS PEOPLE!
HE IS WITH HIS PEOPLE!
I GAVE HIM LIFE --- BUT YOU GAVE HIM MANHOOD!
YOU TAUGHT HIM THE MEANING OF COURAGE AND HONOR!
YOU ARE AS MUCH HIS FATHER AS I AM!
THAT'S QUITE A MOUTHFUL, FOR AN INDIAN HATER!
EX-INDIAN HATER! I MIS-JUDGED AND UNDER-RATED RED MEN, ALL THE WAY!
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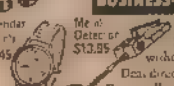

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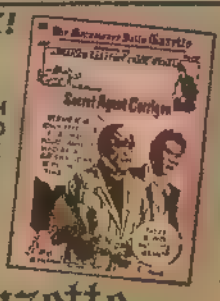

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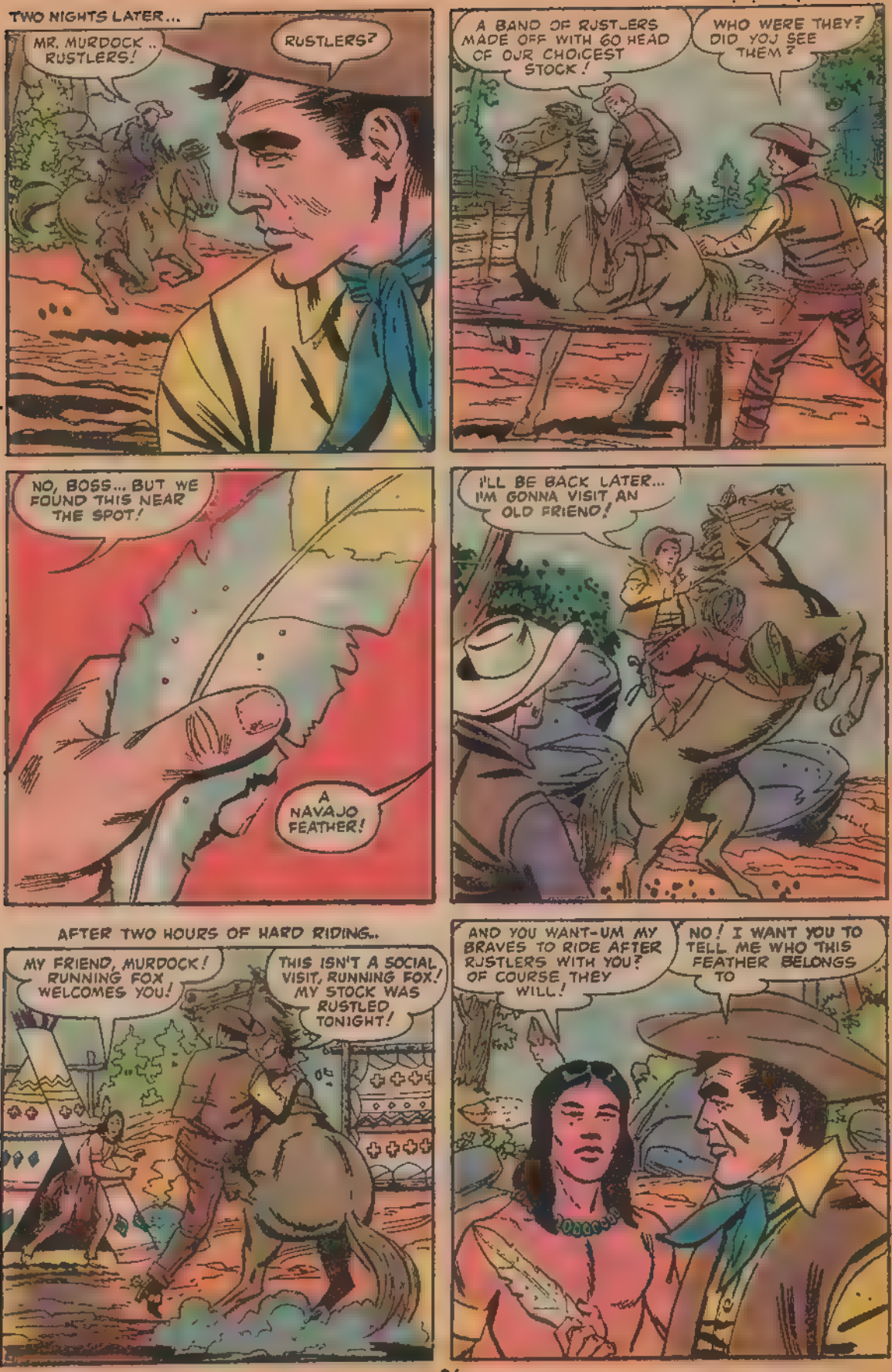
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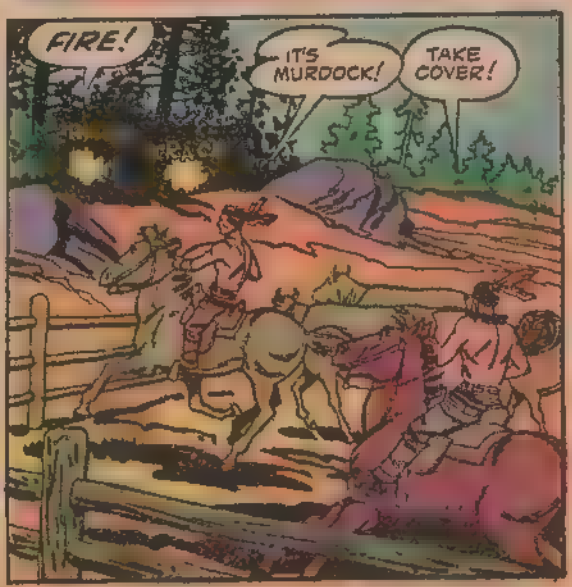

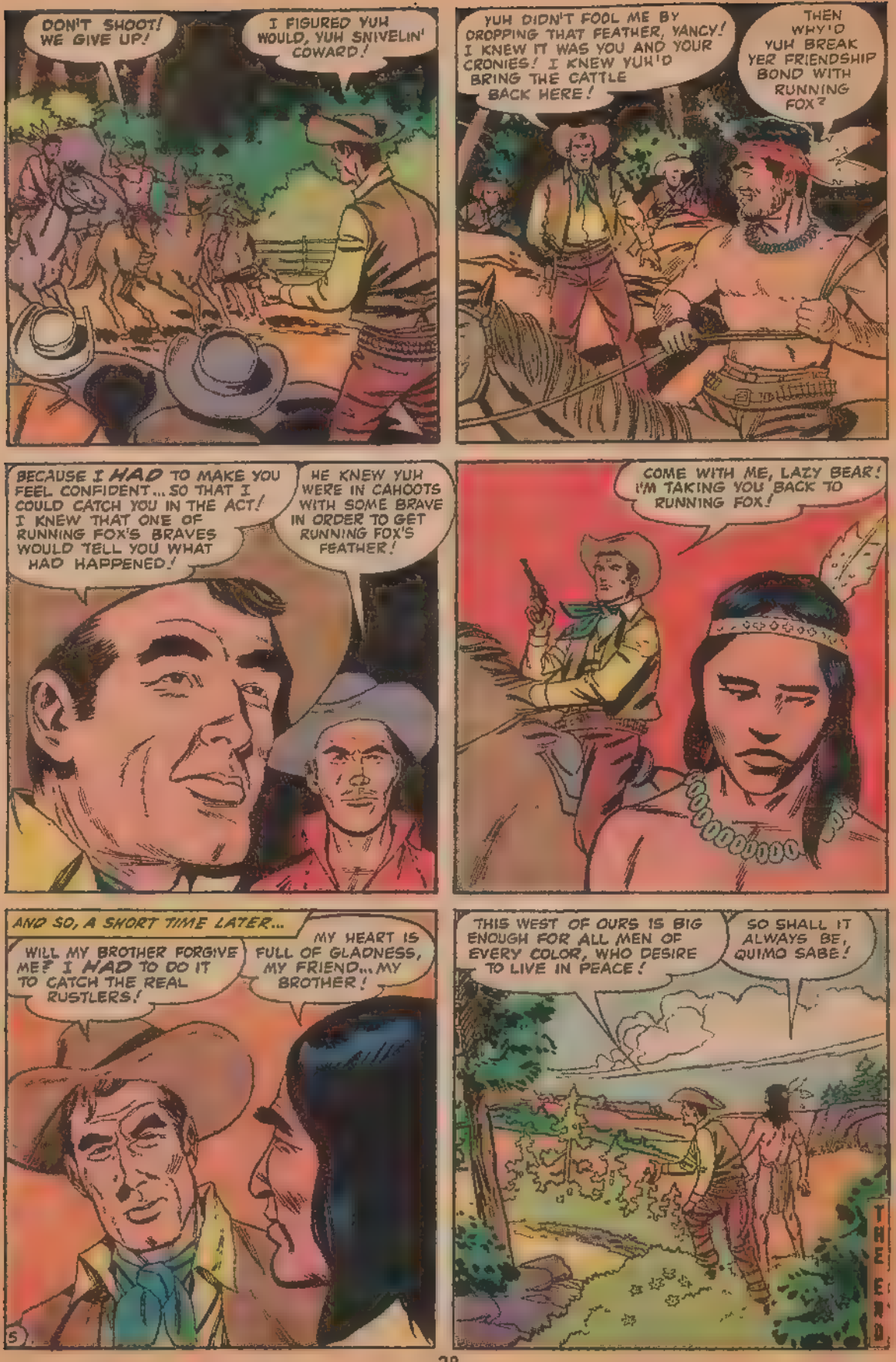
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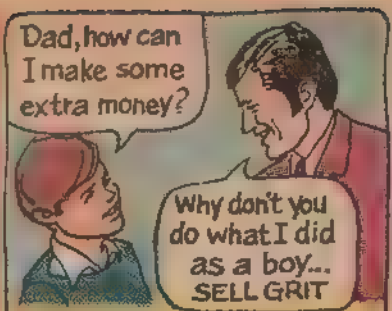

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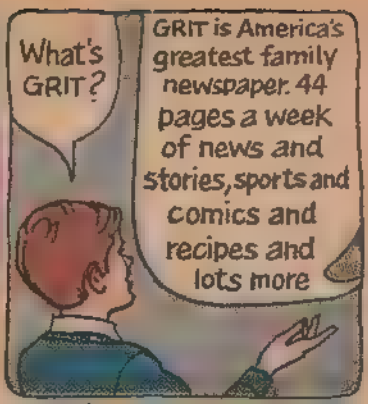
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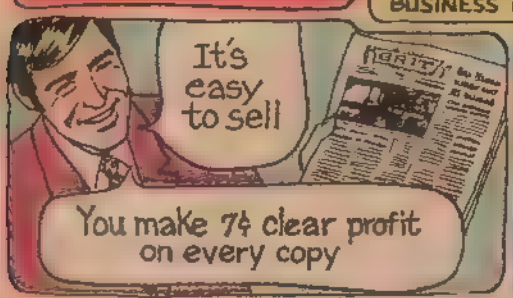

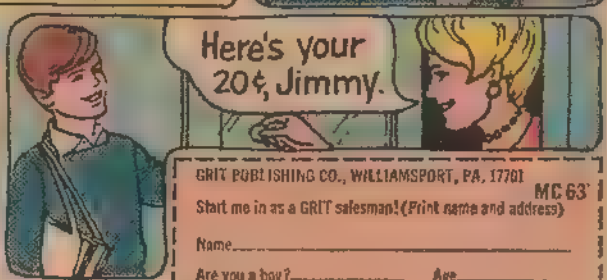

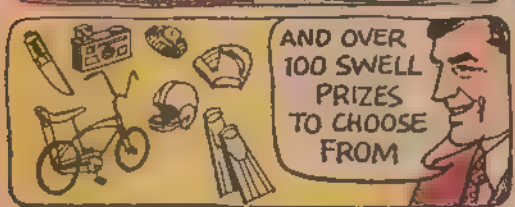

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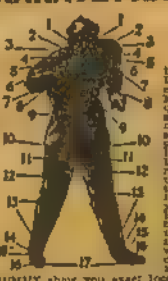

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Oh, and by the way, gal—thanks mucho for the kind words!

Dear Stan & Larry,

In RAWHIDE KID #109, Preston Wayne Cox got a No-Prize that he should not have. Checking back through my old issues, from Rawhide's first issue, I found that his real name is Johnny Clay, but he often uses Johnny Bart because his uncle, Ben Bart, raised him after his parents were killed. That's where he learned to shoot. Keep up the good work in all your mags, especially Rawhide Kid.

(P.S. Do I qualify for a No-Prize?).
RFO, KOF, PMM, FFF, Jimmy Cornette
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Dear Marvel,

In this letter I am going to give you my opinions and ask some questions. Although I am from the South, I think Sam Rathmore should have been killed in RAWHIDE KID #109. Other than that, it was one of the best stories I have read in RAWHIDE KID in a long time.

Now for the questions. I would like to know why, in almost all of your stories where there are Civil War renegades, they are almost always big, burly Southern soldiers with sideburns? And now for the big whammy question which should win me a No-Prize. Why do the soldiers on the cover of issue #109 have on grey suits when they are Union soldiers?

R.F.D. K.D.F. Randy Mikell
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Wouldja believe the color faded in the wash? We didn't think so. So, we'll tell you the *real* reason: we blew it. And we happily surrender our affable Appomattox no-prize to you, Randy.

As for the reason most of our Civil War renegades are big, burly southerners with sideburns—well, wouldn't it look a little *silly* to have Johnny Clay (or Bart) (or whatever his name is!) shootin' it out with bald skinny midgets from the North???

No, seriously, we can't quite explain the "big, burly" part, but the reason most of them are Southerners is very simple. Many of the Confederate soldiers had no homes to return to when the war ended, and so more of *them* than Union soldiers *became* renegades. Okay?

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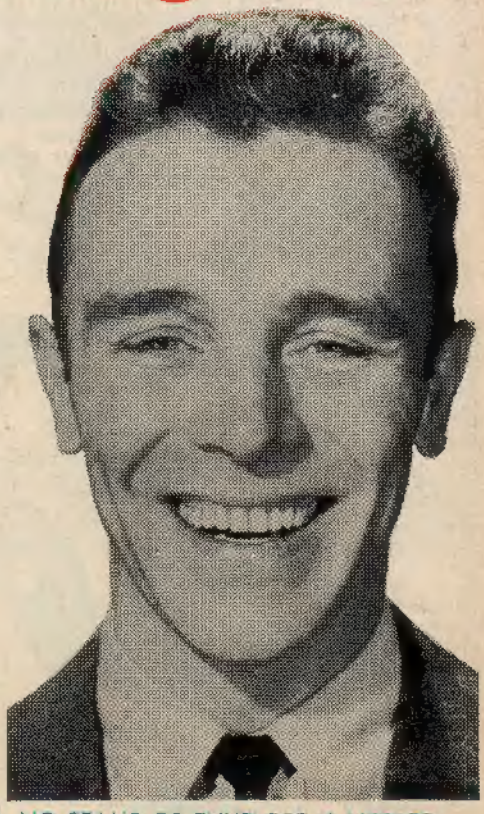

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